

## Sermon Series Devotional Guide

# Members of one another

*a study of the "one anothers"*

## "Serve one another"

A W. Tozer has said that real Christians are a bit odd. Think about it. A real Christian is one who empties himself or herself in order to be full, admits they are wrong so they can be declared right, goes down in order to get up, is strongest when they are weakest and richest when they are poorest. A real Christian dies so he/she can live, forsakes in order to have and gives away so they can keep". And we could add, that a real Christian is further an oddity because they are people who are set free in order to be a servant.

I'll admit it sounds a bit strange but it is part of the glorious truth of the gospel, we have been set free so that we can serve.

Sometimes, our service toward one another comes hard because we have failed to realize that we are free to serve. You may have fallen under the law of "I have to". Do you know this law? It's characterized by the following statements ... "I have to serve because no one else will." "I have to serve, what will God think if I don't?" "I have to serve I'm a Christian." "I have to serve it's what God has ordered."

Like children commanded to clean our rooms we may serve but we don't like it and we won't do it again when the

opportunity arises because it is a burden and a chore. The law of, "I have to"

And what we need to realize is that we are free to serve. It makes all the difference. This week I pray that we would discover a freshness to serve one another and a new lasting motivation.

Before you begin the study this week, ask God to show you the truth of service in his Kingdom and that you would be released from any wrong thinking and attitudes.

***Monday March 22***

**Read**

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❖ John 13:1-11

**Study**

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1. According to verses 1, 3 and 11 what does Jesus know? How does that make Jesus' actions all the more astounding?

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2. What is Jesus demonstrating here? (13:1b) How would you characterize it?

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3. Why does Peter refuse Jesus' offer to wash his feet? What is Jesus' attitude toward Peter's refusal? Why is Jesus able to cleanse like no other (*verse 8b*)?

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4. Jesus says to Peter, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean." (*verse 10 a*) Write that verse in your own words.

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### Pray

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❖ Pray back to God Psalm 141:1-4. Read it slowly over and over again until it is your own prayer to God. Imagine your prayer being a sweet fragrance to God.

*For our church:*

❖ God's Word makes us this promise: "*The Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.*" (Psalm 100:5) Pray that truth would be realized in Deacon Miriam's life as she leads our finance and legal team.

❖ Pray for those who are members of our finance and legal team. Ask that God will lead them in the decisions they make and the policies they help create.